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SUBJ: DETERIORATION OF GOI-KURDISH RELATIONS

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1. GOI-KURDISH RELATIONS GOING FROM BAD TO WORSE.

GOI ANNOUNCED AUG 23 THAT THREE PERSONS (ALMOST CERTAINLY KURDS REFERRED TO IN REFTEL) EXECUTED AUG 20 ON CHARGES OF WORKING FOR IRANIAN INTELLIGENCE. KDP HAD ALREADY PROTESTED EXECUTIONS. IN ADDITION, REPORTS OF CLASHES IN NORTH ARE TAKING ON SUBSTANCE; CLASH AT KHANUQUIN APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE ABOUT AUG 18 AND TWO SOLDIERS AND 10 KURDS WERE KILLED. ANOTHER SERIOUS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AT SINJAR NEAR SYRIAN BORDER AND ALL KURDISH DISTRICTS WENT ON STRIKE FROM 0500 TO 1700 AUGUST 24 IN PROTEST AGAINST "TERRORIST ATTACKS ON PEOPLE OF SINJAR BY AUTHORITIES WHICH RESULTED IN LARGE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES". AT-TAAXHI CONDEMNED ATTACKS IN AUGUST 26 EDITORIAL.

2. TURKISH CHARGE TOLD ME AUG 23 THAT MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT TO DATE TOOK PLACE AUG 17 WHEN KURDISH FORCE ATTACKED

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"17TH OF JULY VILLAGE" LOCATED ABOUT 25 KMS FROM KIRKUK

USING MACHINE GUNS AND ARTILLERY. VILLAGE WAS NEWLY
ESTABLISHED AND BEING INHABITED BY ARABS, ALLEGEDLY AS PART
OF GOI EFFORT TO INCREASE ARAB POPULATION IN KIRKUK AREA.
IN ADDITION, HUNGARIAL OIL EXPLORATION TEAM WAS CAMPED THERE
AND KURDS MADE OFF WITH SEVERAL OF THEIR VEHICLES. CHARGE
HAD NO CASUALTY FIGURES, BUT SAID WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE
AMONG THOSE KILLED. GOVERNMENT RESPONDED BY SENDING
BATAILLION OF TROOPS AND 20 TANKS TO AREA AND CLOSED BAGHDAD-
KIRKUK ROAD FOR TRAVEL AT NIGHT.
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